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1. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL, FEBRUARY 17 EXCELSIOR REPORTS THAT PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE ADVOCATE IRVING FLORES, SPEAKING IN CIUDAD JUAREZ FEBRUARY 16, STATED THAT ARMED STRUGGLE IS THE ROAD TO "LIBERATION" FROM THE US AND THAT THE STRUGGLE COULD BREAK OUT "TODAY, TOMORROW OR WITHIN TEN YEARS."

2. EMBASSY ALSO HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT LOLITA LEBRON, FOURTH MEMBER OF RECENTLY RELEASED GROUP OF PUERTO RICANS JAILED FOR ARMED ACTIONS DURING TRUMAN AND EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATIONS, IS ALSO PRESENT IN MEXICO. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN NO PRESS REPORTS ON HER PRESENCE. (DRAFTED BY RICHARD THURMAN) FERCH
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